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1. Soviet artillery was emplaced in the mountains in the Retrosani (R 25/V 66) area in early July 1950. Twelve AA guns with ammunition were emplaced on Malcia Hill, about 2 km from Retrosani. *
2. The road from Livezeni, 4 km south of Retrosani, to Bumbesti (R 25/V 53) was widened. The bridges on that road were reinforced to carry loads up to 30 tons. **
3. Heavy bombs were stored near Colibasi (R 33/34/W 70), Comitate of Muscel. ***

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* Comment. No Soviet troops were previously observed in the Retrosani area. The troops seen there in early July 1950 may have been Soviet artillery and AAA units engaged in firing practice.

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** Comment. The northern road from Craiova to Timisoara runs via Retrosani. The statement that this road was improved is given credence because the southern road linking the two cities runs near the border via Turnu-Severin.

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*** Comment. A Rumanian ordnance depot is said to be located in Colibasi. It is possible that piles of munitions may have been laying about in the depot area.

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